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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1893.

PRESS TELEGRAMS FOR THE
FAR EAST.

One of the most important events for the newspaper press of the Far East that have occurred during the year that is now so rapidly drawing to a close is undoubtedly the valuable concession granted by the Telegraph Administration in London in regard to Press telegrams. Up till now there has been no Press rate to this part of the world and, as every sensible business man knows, the ordinary tariff was simply prohibitive. The unsuccessful efforts made for years past by the Hongkong Telegraph to effect arrangements for a comparatively cheap tariff, somewhat similar to that accorded to the Press of the Australian colonies, are too well known to require repetition; the all powerful Russian stopped the way; and, like our local contemporaries, we had to be contented with the expensive and frequently inaccurate and uninteresting messages so sparingly doled out by the champion monopolist. Within measurable distance all that will be changed, and although some time must elapse before satisfactory arrangements can be completed, the new tariff will leave the newspapers of Hongkong,

China and Japan in the helpless position they have hitherto occupied.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. F. von der Floden, manager in China for the Eastern Extension and Great Northern Companies, for the following statement of conditions on which press telegrams will be accepted at reduced rates:

1st.—The lines of the Eastern Telegraph Company from London or Marseilles to Egypt, Persia, Obock, Aden and India, the lines of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company to Penang, Singapore, Cebu, China, Japan, Tongking, Manila, Java and Australia, and the East Coast cables of the Eastern and South African Telegraph Company from Aden to South Africa, are available to the press for the transmission of news or intelligence for publication in newspapers which are allowed by the Governments or Companies to receive intelligence by telegraph at reduced rates.

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3rd.—The working of the lines shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the International Telegraph Convention.

4th.—No messages at the reduced rates shall be sent except for publication in such newspapers, and they must be written in plain English when addressed to British stations and in plain French when addressed to French stations, so as to be intelligible to the transmitting offices; messages containing news or information not for publication or containing code words or words of concealed meaning or groups of figures or ciphers shall be paid for at the full tariff rates in force for ordinary messages.

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6th.—Messages can only be accepted from the authorised correspondent of a newspaper, and the news sent in such messages must be daily published in the newspapers or satisfactory reasons be given for non-publication. In the absence of which full rates will be chargeable.

7th.—The Administrations reserve to themselves the right to terminate the present arrangements, but will in such case announce their intentions twelve months beforehand.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

* MONDAY, the 1st proximo, being a Government and general holiday throughout the colony, there will be no issue of the Hongkong Telegraph. We take this opportunity of sincerely wishing our readers

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

H.M.S. Archer came out of dock yesterday afternoon and is under orders to sail for Singapore to-morrow.

A TRIBUNAL of experts lately decided that Miss Ryder, of 16 West Sixth-street, is the "prettiest girl" of New York.

The O. and O. Company's steamer, *Belge*, went into the Commercial Dock this morning for an overhaul, and the *Deutero* into Kowloon Dock.

The members of the Staff and Departmental Sergeants' Mess will give a smoking concert in their mess room on Monday next, commencing at 9 p.m.

The Post Office notifies that the parcels mail for Colombo, Bombay, Europe etc., per P. and O. steamer *Adhila*, will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday the 3rd prox.

We are requested to state that there will be Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church on New Year's Day at 7.30 a.m., and a short service, with an address, at 11 a.m.

OVER 50,000 Russian Jews were landed at the port of New York during the first ten months of this year, according to the official report of the Commissioner of Immigration.

ON Tuesday, the 2nd January, the Post Office will be opened from 5 to 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of closing a supplementary mail for Australia per the steamship *Adhila*.

A CANADIAN has invented a conductors' fire-box for use on street railways to register every ticket or fare dropped in the slot, and to deal out dated transfer tickets automatically.

Magistrate—Why didn't you call a constable when the prisoner assaulted you with a club?
Witness—Call a constable! Great Scott! Your honour, wasn't I thumped hard enough as it was?THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 7 a.m. to-day, and left again at 3.30 p.m. for Vancouver, via Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.THE German steamer *Deutero* was towed to Kowloon and the O. and O. Co.'s mail packet *Golet* to the Commercial Dock yesterday. H.M.S. *Archer* was towed over her moorings last evening.

In case anybody may be so "festive" as to have forgotten about "Princess Toto" to-night, we beg to remind the community that the show begins at 9 p.m., and that all the best seats were taken weeks ago, so that those who go late may be sorry.

ACCORDING to the latest returns Russia has the largest prison population, namely 108,840; next comes India with 76,510, Italy with 66,828, Japan with 63,828, France with 60,886, the United States with 50,528, and Great Britain with 40,474. Statistics for China are not available.

At the Magistracy to-day, before Mr. H. E. W. Hochoo, a Chinese "boy" was sent to goal for three months, for having stolen \$18 from his employer, Mr. Geddes, at the R. E. establishment at Kowloon on the 14th inst. Evidently he was afraid the gambling houses would soon be closed for ever, and wanted a "duffer."

An "original inspiration," far ahead of ordinary photography, has been introduced by the managers of G. & Co., who has had his smiling and rubicund features reproduced in brown. The figure is hung up on the front of the curio museum in Queen's Road, and looks so much like the genuine Buddha that lots of superstitious natives come along with joss-sticks, go down on their knees, and pray for a "chun chun" (a good luck).

THE members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong announce a dance in St. George's Hall on Thursday, the 4th January, at 9 p.m.

A SUBMARINE railway is projected to cross the bed of the Strait of Oresund, between Denmark and Sweden. It is to be half tunnel and half tube, the latter resting upon piles, and will be five miles long.

An independent is a man who leaves the other party to join our party. A renegade is a man who leaves our party to join the other. An offensive partisan is a man who belongs to the other party and sticks to it.

THE Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels bolting code per cent C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m., on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

THE LATEST news from Lima states that Peru has abolished the duty levied on existing on silver bars. It is further enacted that on and after April 1st next only Peruvian silver will be considered as legal tender.

The steamship *Mowara*, which went badly ashore at Honolulu, was insured for £5000, her full value, in the Alliance Marine at 5 per cent. That company returned down to £2500, and the reinsurer was placed (largely, in Lloyd's) at 90 per cent."Some of those rash young men of this country who are existing in the army and navy of Brazil for the glory and renown to be gained only at the cannon's mouth are likely," remarks the *Chicago Times*, "to wish they were back at home with mother before they are through with their venture. The 'bubble reputation' is a very alluring prize, but it isn't worth being bought skyward with a dynamite petard in the interests of a country which will not even recognize the idea of a patriot, and has such very rigid ideas of pension reform that pensions don't exist."THE *Chicago Post* prints the following, which it describes as "curious facts about Siam":—
Each State pays tribute to Bangkok.
A rich man will often bequeath a limb to the birds and beasts.The position of women is good, although girls can be sold as wives.
The bodies of the poor are given to the vultures and the wild beasts.The rainfall at Bangkok on an average of ten years is 67.40 inches, of which 50.59 fall from May to October.
During the wet season travelling through a large section of Siam would hardly be possible without elephants, of which some are kept in every village.CAPTAIN LAWRENCE, of the British bark *Isidale*, which arrived at Portland, Oregon, the other week from Antwerp, reports a strange phenomenon at sea, about 10 days before reaching port. The ship was proceeding along under a light southerly wind, so light that it was almost a calm, when a roar was heard coming down from the north, like the roar of a bull. The sound increased until a moment or two later when a northerly gale burst on the ship.

Previously, it took the captain unaware, and, to save his canvas he was compelled to let every-thing go. The wind split the mainmast, the mainmast, but did no other damage. The gale kept up for two days longer and was followed by heavy weather last port.

BULL-FIGHTING in the Philippines seems to have degenerated about as much as duelling in Saigon. In order to raise funds for the relief of the victims of the terrible dynamite accident in San Francisco harbor, a great bull-fight was organized on the 3rd December, in the regular "Plaza de Toros," and five animals of the very highest Philippine quality graciously consented to award the prizes—one for the conqueror of each bull—in good old orthodox "Carmen" style. The Plaza de Toros is a large amphitheatre, in the open air, with an excellent "grand stand" covered. The prices of admission range from twenty cents all the way up to ten dollars, and most of the best seats were booked a long time in advance. By way of novelty, it was noted that the newly-formed Manila Cyclists Club held a race meeting a few days before—the San Francisco fund—and could not get more than \$3 for the highest class of ticket, and the total gate-money was only \$300, whereas the bull-fight, after paying the greater expenses, raised ten times as much. However, the bulls were a fraud, for all the papers agree in ridiculing their performances; they seem to have had much less "fight" than the goat's five of them than there is in our Office. Goat. The *Amigo del Pueblo*, in the course of a long report, puts a big query after every reference to the word "bull," as if in doubt whether it should not be "camel."

"AN OLD SPORTSMAN" was last at last trailing operations for the Hongkong Race Meeting of 1894 are beginning to exhibit some signs of vitality, and quite a number of old stagers have lately been watching the Subscription list at the preliminary meeting, and are stating that nothing of any importance has yet been done. The track, but after the New Year's holiday matters will wear quite a different aspect. The staid Mr. Aubert, Mr. Helmrich, Mr. Buxey, and Mr. John Peel are reported to be due from Shanghai during next week, and with their advent on the course real training will commence. On 1st of that Mr. Aubert's crack (Boris) Majestic, Beechwing, and Grackles, together with Mr. Helmrich's pair (a highly tried Derby griffin and the game and stately Black Pearl, winner of last year's Derby and Champions) will be trained and ridden by Mr. D. R. Sassoon, so that they will have nothing to complain of as far as combined experience and careful management go. It is uncertain what points will constitute Mr. Buxey's string, but, in addition to a couple of fast griffins, it is quite likely that old Home Guard and the Shanghai St. Ledger second, Blackbeard, will be asked to do their best in the Challenge Cup, which Home Guard won so handsomely from the other year. The two contingent will include those two standing dishes, Vagrant and Merry Thought—each a rattling good pony at his own distance—and two or three Derby griffins. It is also on the cards that some of the Amoy sportsmen will again enter the field, but that of course will greatly depend on the results of the Amoy Meeting, set for the 6th of January and two following days. There was a great turnout at the Races this morning and most of the places in training were entered. I managed to time the lot, but it would only mislead to give details, the records made being far too slow to form any reliable opinion as to style of going, etc.; however, when galloping does commence, my readers may rely on being fully posted up. Speculation is so far promising, several books on the Valley Stakes, German Cup and Derby having been opened, and there is every appearance that we shall have a very interesting race, at unusually interesting and exciting meeting. So much to be!

DR. JALAR: "I have had him on my list of patients for a year, but he does not improve. Something must be seriously wrong in his system." Dr. Pellet: "Isn't it just possible that there is something seriously wrong in your system?"

A NUMBER of time-expired men in the police force were sworn in again to-day, for a further term of "hard labour"; and one man, Mr. W. Ross, was presented with a handsome gold Albert and pendant on his departure for Shanghai, to join in the municipal police there.

Blossie—"I should like to know when you are going to pay that bill; I can't come here every day in the week."

Nogga—"What day would suit you best?" Blossie—"Saturday."

Nogga—"Very well, then you can call every Saturday."

At the Sellers' Home last night the "scutty" proceedings commenced with a tea, which was immensely enjoyed by a large number of guests; and afterwards a meeting was held, under the presidency of Mr. J. J. Kewick, and a number of songs and brief addresses were given by visitors, and carols by the choir of the Seamen's Church. The annual report gave a highly satisfactory account of the year's work, and referred to the newly established coffee-house for seamen in Queen's Road Central; to the doling of the midnight torch *Dayspring*; and to the wreck of the *Flora* Trench, whose captain, a prominent member of the Mission, drowned his little wife and all on board except his little son. Thanks were given to those who had assisted to render the weekly social meetings so enjoyable, and also to the organizers of the "Waxworks" show at "La Hacienda" in aid of the new organ fund.

THE cost to the United States Government of "deporting" Chinese now in "Uncle Sam's" domain has been recently estimated by the Secretary of the United States Treasury, who lately sent in a revised statement to the U.S. Senate which is supplementary to that of September 1892, and increases the estimate of the total appropriation necessary from \$500,000 to \$1,035,000. Of this increase \$350,000 is due to the fact that the steamship companies have increased their rates for the transportation of Chinese from San Francisco to Hongkong from \$35 to \$41. The remaining portion of the increase is due to the fact that the estimate did not include the expenditure in costs which the enforcement of the Geary Act renders necessary. The first auditor of the Treasury placed as his opinion that \$35 per capita will be a low estimate of the cost under this head in California, while the amount will be greatly increased in other States. As an example of the maximum of such costs the auditor instances a deportation case in which the fee for the Chinese reached \$450. The auditor thinks \$30 a fair average of such costs, outside of the expense of confinement, which is from 50 cents to \$1 per day, and would therefore indefinitely increase the amount necessary.

WITH reference to the closing of the gambling hall at Kowloon and Sam-sui-po, referred to in last night's *Telegraph*, we now learn from a reliable source that the Kowloon establishments have all been reopened, and are again doing a flourishing trade; while those at Sam-sui-po, upon which the "official ban" was placed, have simply been transferred to Kowloon City, where they also ply the merry game as before. So much for Buckingham! Of course the Government authorities will again make representations to the Viceroys of Canton or to Peking, but unless some drastic measures are taken for the suppression of the gambling, the force of officially closing and unofficially thinking the other eye at their re-opening will go on for ever. There is no doubt whatever that the orders issued from the Tung-shi Yamen to Viceroys Li Han-chang were given in good faith and that the high officials are blithely ignorant of the manner in which they have been carried out. It is reported, but with what amount of truth we are not at present in a position to say, that the gambling houses "over the way" are licensed by the Mandarin of Kowloon City, and for this privilege he pays annually to Canton a very large sum. Should this be so, nothing short of the presence of a gun-boat in that quarter will secure their permanent suppression. The whole machinery of Chinese government is so rotten with the corruption of bribery that it would be childish to expect a mandarin to suppress what he regards as his "rights" to a steady stream of a display of force seems likely to bring the Kowloon mandarin to his senses, and it is the negotiation of this delicate mission that we commend to the powers that be. Governor Robinson indicated plainly that if there was any further nonsense he would have to forcibly stop the traffic from Hongkong to Kowloon; let him now keep his word.

At the eighteenth annual meeting of District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, held this afternoon, the D.G.M. (Rt. Wm. C. P. Chater) appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:—

D.D.G.M.—Right Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray.
District Grand Wardens—Wor. Bro. W. Danby, Perseverance, 1,165.
Junior Grand Wardens—Wor. Bro. R. Cooke, Zealand 525.
Grand Chaplain—Wor. Bro. G. H. Bondfield, Zealand 525.
Treasurer—Wor. Bro. G. L. Tomlin, Perseverance 1,165.
Registrar—Wor. Bro. S. L. Darby, Victoria 1,025.
President Board of General Purposes—Wor. Bro. G. F. Jordan, M.B. Perseverance 1,165.
Secretary—Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gaudin, Victoria 1,025.
Senior Deacon—Wor. Bro. T. W. Wright, Ionic 1,025.
Junior Deacon—Wor. Bro. F. B. Smith, Star of Southern China 2,015.
Superintendent of Works—Wor. Bro. F. L. Lloyd, Victoria 1,025.
Director of Ceremonies—Wor. Bro. P. R. Simmonds, Perseverance 1,165.
Arist. Dir. of Ceremonies—Wor. Bro. J. B. Scott, Zealand 525.
Sword Bearer—Wor. Bro. F. B. Marshall, Ionic 1,025.
Standard Bearer—Wor. Bro. J. Christien, Perseverance 1,165.
Standard Bearer—Wor. Bro. H. Edgar, Footshaw 1,012.
Organist—Wor. Bro. J. Murphy, Perseverance, 1,165.
Puritan—Wor. Bro. J. J. Underwood, Footshaw 1,012.
Arist. Puritan—Wor. Bro. H. J. Watson, United Service 1,341.
Steward—Wor. Bro. G. A. Caldwell, Zealand 525.
Steward—Wor. Bro. W. Newton, Victoria 1,025.
Steward—Wor. Bro. F. Salinger, Star of Southern China 2,015.
Steward—Wor. Bro. C. A. V. Brown, Ionic 1,025.
Steward—Wor. Bro. T. Williams, Continental 1,806.
Steward—T. Spafford, United Service, 1,341.
Tyler—Wor. Bro. J. R. Gimble, United Service, 1,341.
Unofficial Member of the Board—Wor. Bro. A. D. Smith, Zealand 525.

"There are some New Year gifts which the Post Office will not take."

A dollar at 3s. 6d. to Mr. O'Brien.
A bar of soap to "Brownie."
A licence to the manager of the "Buffet."
A new item to "Granny."
A passage-ticket to Mr. Mitchell-Innes.
A C. V. G. order to our William Cat. Harcourt.
A dividend-warrant to Mr. J. J. Harcourt.

The three men (Roly, Hombert, and Bouvet) carried off by natives some months ago in Tonkin are still in the hands of their captives, and will probably enjoy a lively sort of New Year. Several military expeditions are scouring the country in search of the kidnappers, who so far have managed to completely baffle the French authorities, and moreover threaten to murder their prisoners rather than give them up without getting the ransom. Letters from the three unfortunate men to their friends in the region of civilization are freely transmitted.

LAST night's *China Mail* contains a lengthy article headed "People we know," giving a sketch of the career of Sir Thomas Fothergill, the world-famed Chairman of the P. & O. S. N. Co., which was reproduced from a Sydney exchange by the *Hongkong Telegraph* December 2nd. "Brownie" got the article from the *Singapore Free Press*, which copied it from our columns, and it had been on file in this office for months. Our evening contemporary is evidently in a precarious way and looks very much like coming to a sad end before long.

Indian Engineering explains thusly why Major M. Callum stays in the Straits—Major M. Callum says:—"I should not think of taking it (the Surveyor-Generalship of Ceylon) unless the salary was increased for, though in the list it looks a better appointment than the one I hold now, down in the Straits we are opening up a new country, and there's something in that which one wouldn't have here in a place that is all opened up. No! if it rests with me, I remain in the Straits, thank you. Hear, hear! He would be nobody in Ceylon, while he is a big man—at least in his own estimation—in Singapore."

THE following appears in the *Sydney Telegraph* of Nov. 25th:—"While these strange diplomatic disturbances are exciting Europe and bewildering the world at large, everyone has overlooked the fact of strained relations having arisen between Queensland and Japan. Nevertheless, the matter was serious, and were it not for the subtle diplomacy of Mr. Tozer, British and Yokohama might have been splitting fire and lead at each other before now. Two Japanese were murdered somewhere up in North Queensland by blacks, who, besides disliking 'colored races' objected to cheap labour being brought into the country. The consular representative of Japan communicated this fact to the Mikado's Government, which immediately demanded an explanation from Queensland. Mr. Tozer's reply was a masterpiece of diplomatic fencing. He began by reciting that the Japanese had lately been in a practical monopoly of the Torres Straits pearling industry, which fact roused the jealousy of the aborigines, whose protest took the form of murdering a couple of these obnoxious invaders of the whole labour upon the black-fellow and the labour question was simply an inspiration. Following up the idea, Mr. Tozer went on to point out that 'Japanese' in this part of Queensland run the risks necessarily attending their being brought into contact with the blacks, and as the blacks were known to have a particular detestation for coloured races, he recommended that Japanese families be discouraged. The Mikado's Government seems to have been much struck by the clearness of this explanation, and the diplomatic trouble consequently blew over without seriously affecting the relations of the two countries. There is no more to be said, and the murdered men are entitled to no sympathy. And to provide against others being murdered, the only way is to shut the country as if it were an adder's nest."

DARC'S MARIONETTES.

Last night this world-famed exhibition was opened, for the first time in Hongkong, in a substantial and neatly decorated theatre, specially run up for the purpose at West Point. "Bijous" are not usually built in a day but energy and pluck and gold-paint, when directed by good taste, can be applied with wonderful effect, and of this fact the Bijou Theatre at West Point is a striking instance. The high reputation which had preceded the advent of the troupe here caused more than an ordinary amount of curiosity to be roused, and we doubt if among the big audience that attended last night there was one who did not return greatly surprised and with expectations more than realized. Marionette entertainments are usually looked upon as a means of pleasing children of a tender age; but D'Arc's show is one that would tickle the stibbles of an old anchorite. "Puppets," unless history is yet another instance, are never popular in the days of the Paradoxes, but we doubt if they ever to any were approached in the excellence of their performance as this highly artistic troupe now on exhibition at West Point. They are so true to life in action and pantomime gesture that one has often to doubt the accuracy of the "bill" which describes them as marionettes; and that they are wooden figures—seen—quite but cleverly imitated. The dresses and scenery are exceedingly pretty and evince an amount of taste and skill rarely to be found in such exhibition; while the dancing and acting almost put the most brilliant efforts of the leading "Trot-tles" in a darkness of feeble degree; in fact the *prima donna* could command the highest imaginable figure were she to consent to grace the boards of the Royal Theatre during the present season, and as for the performance opened with a tight-rope act in which M. and Madame Blondin went through a series of antics that disconcerted the Niagara Falls feat of the great original. A quaint "Vedant" Green looking youth on stilts next did a "Pelle" and was followed by Mr. Rosewood, C.M.G., who went through some very clever chair-balancing business; the Komical Kuros, an eyesight-disconcerting pole performance; a supposed to represent the historical "woman who lived in a shoe." The old dame brought forth a family of about a dozen frolicsome youngsters that to any other Colony but Hongkong would have earned for the models of even larger size than the "Bijous" soap-die. A mysterious Turk next did an act much in the same line, and to show their contempt for the needs of the living—a couple of "magnetic" skeletons did a war-dance with stick-bugs which they evidently mistook for the Last Trump. A beautifully mounted and wonderfully managed performance, "Blue Beard," in which no less than six gorgeous scenes were gone through was next introduced. During this performance the gestures of the figures were so perfectly blended with the words

being sung and sung in the wings, that it was almost impossible to believe that they were not being really uttered by the characters on the stage. "Blue Beard" was a triumph in the art of illusion, and manipulation. An amusing harlequinade followed, and "The Merry Men" all the pages and "business" equally adept with the first deception of the "Merry Men" the cleverest thing in mimicry given during the whole evening, and the way in which he was ultimately deceived of his better garments was infinitely amusing and irresistible. Space forbids an extended notice of all the other attractions of the show; "The Fairy's Bell," "Under the Sea," a grand transformation scene etc., but we have said sufficient to indicate that the Marionettes are not only well worth seeing (and should be seen) but are probably the best troupe travelling the world. Comfortable boxes and stalls chairs may be secured at the office of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Ltd. where a plan of the house is to be seen.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE V. R. C. BLACKBALLING SCANDAL.

SIR,—The V.R.C. of all military men are due to you for the article which appeared in yesterday's issue of your paper, with reference to the unfortunate bill, when certain members of the Garrison staff were proposed for the Victoria Recreation Club. Your article put things in their proper light, and showed the advantages the Club derived from the Government authorities, and also the disadvantages of interference with such authority if it were properly used. But humiliating as it is to state, past events show that unless the Colonial, Naval and Military authorities alter their programme, the services, which in a British colony would be thought to have the first consideration, are likely to be neglected by those to whom they look for support. I am informed on good authority that it was stated at the Club meeting that it was not the men, but the uniforms that was objected to. A greater insult to Her Majesty's Government could not be imagined and it is only equalled by that part of a speech made by a well-known member of the Bar on the question of granting a licence to the Peak Tramway Buffet, in which he placed soldiers and sailors in the same category as the very worst sort of social outcasts and vulgar crew. This insult went unanswered by the S. V. C. men, but it remains to be seen, after the "trap" taken with regard to the action of the Victoria Recreation Club, whether the Government or Commander-in-Chief, the Admiral and the Secretary at Officer Commanding the Troops consider the British soldier of so small account as to be unworthy of any protection in this matter.

Your obedient servant,

JUSTICE.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1893.

AMOF NOTES.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

Amoy, 27th December, 1893.
I send a few items of news and gossip from this port. The Christmas holidays passed off very quietly, the fine weather inducing a number of residents to undertake shooting expeditions, which are said to have been generally successful. There has been a good deal of talk regarding the alleged behaviour of certain residents and sea-faring men from the ships in harbour, which is said to have been extremely rowdy, a disgrace to the foreign community of Amoy, and a bright example to the "heavenly Chinese."The island of Kulang is now so flooded with poor slave girls, purchased for immoral purposes, that something ought really to be done to put a stop to what is literally a public scandal. It is not in the power of the Foreign Consuls to have these detested creatures removed from the island, so that decent and respectable people may live in peace and quietness. There is also a Japanese so-called boarding house which ought not to be allowed on Kulang. The "Japs" are just as bad as they have too much *saki* in them as any degraded class in the East or elsewhere.Mr. Feinold, consul for Germany at this port, arrived here yesterday by the *Yuen-tung* after nine months absence on leave. His *locum tenens*, Dr. Gruenewald, will proceed to Shanghai.A number of Hongkong jockeys are expected here for forthcoming races, and one of them, Mr. G. C. Master, arrived by the *Yuen-tung* steamer *Haitan* yesterday. The gentleman will, it is reported, ride for the resident *tai-pan* of Tait & Co., Mr. Hart Buck will steer Mr. Boyd's ponies, and Mr. F. Dallas, the "crack" Shanghai rider, will sport the "scarlet and white hoops" of Mr. August. The races are expected to prove unusually interesting.

(FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.)

Amoy, 28th December, 1893.
Our veteran tiger-slayer, after an eighteen months' rest, has again taken up the chase of Mr. Stripes. He went on-country on Christmas Day and returned yesterday with the skin of a magnificent brute. The animal was discovered by the tiger-slayer, who was forced to come out by the throwing of fire-crackers into his life; as soon as he made his appearance he got a rifle bolt in his side, but as it was not in a fatal spot, he turned on his assailant, who again fired, the time passing the brain, which caused instant death.

Training for the races, which was interrupted for a time owing to the Race-course being used as a drill ground, is now going on merrily, and the annual meeting next month promises to be very successful one. There seem to be very few jockeys available, however, as some who had promised to come have at almost the last moment disappointed us.

Dr. Gruenewald, who has been acting German consul here for the past nine months, is shortly leaving for Shanghai, to the great regret of everyone. During his residence here he has won golden opinions from all who came in contact with him.
The British Consul, Mr. C. T. Gardner, C.M.G., is also about to depart for Canton, where he will take up the duties of acting Consul-General. He will be succeeded at this post by Mr. Colla Ford.

SHANGHAI.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Shanghai, December 30th.
Since writing to you last week we have received news from Hankow to the effect that the Swedish consul, Mr. Carl Beck, has at last arrived at a settlement with the Chinese authorities with respect to the *Singapore* outrage of the two murdered missionaries and \$5,000 as expenses of the negotiations, making \$45,000 in all, and two of the ringleaders are to be executed. Who will be the victims we are not told, but as there are always in the provincial police plenty of condemned criminals, it is easy enough to satisfy the law conditions. Possibly enough the *Venue* will see a couple of

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—100 per cent. prem., sales and buyers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £80.00 paid up—\$25, sales and buyers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2 1/2 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$700 per share, sales and buyers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$55 per share, sellers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 135 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$141 per share, sellers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—\$60, sellers.
 On Tal Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 15 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$202 1/2 per share, sales and buyers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$81 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$29 per share, sales and buyers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$36 sales and buyers.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—37 1/2 per cent. discount, sales and buyers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$43, sellers.
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—\$20 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—80 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$18 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$14 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$20.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
 The Shampan Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
 Panjion Mining Co.—\$7 1/2 per share, sales and buyers.
 The Rich Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$41 per share, sales and buyers.
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$12 1/2 per share, sellers.
 Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$70 per share, buyers.
 The Jebleu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$55 sales and buyers.
 New Irons Mining Co., Limited—nominal.
 London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—n.s.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$185 per share, sales and buyers.
 Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$35 buyers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$101, buyers.
 Dakin, Cruickshank & Co., Limited—\$11 per share, sales and buyers.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$41 per share, buyers.
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$9 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$55 sales and buyers.
 The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$20 per share, sellers.
 H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$7 1/2 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$37 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$91 per share, sales and buyers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$110 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$81 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$51 per share, sellers.
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$51, buyers.
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$41 sellers.
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$65 ex Div. buyers.

EXCHANGE.
 On LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2 1/2
 Bank Bills, on demand 2 1/2
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2 3/8
 Credits at 4 months' sight 2 3/8
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2 3/8
 On PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand 2 1/2
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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Thames*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 27th instant at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on the 2nd proximo.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Fern*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on the 19th instant.
 The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Oceanic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu and Yokohama, on the 22nd instant.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
 The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of China*, from Vancouver, left Yokohama on the 26th instant for Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai, and Hongkong, and may be expected here on the 2nd proximo.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
 The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Wing-sang*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore on the 23rd instant, and may be expected here on the 30th.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Bombay* left Bombay on the 11th ultimo, and may be expected here on the 30th instant.
 The Navigazione Generale Italiana steamer *Stura* left Bombay on the 10th instant, and may be expected here on the 1st proximo.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Tokoro* left Bombay on the 18th instant, and may be expected here on the 5th proximo.
 The C. M. steamer *Kamau*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 29th inst., and may be expected here on the 5th proximo.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Campana* left London for this port on the 2nd instant.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Kermans* left London for this port on the 16th instant.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

PROGRESS, German steamer, 637, J. Jensen, 30th Dec.,—Moff 24th December, Coal—Siemens & Co.
 SAINTE ANNE, British steamer, 1,199, Henry Wood, 30th Dec.,—Moff 25th Dec., Coal—Siemens & Co.
 FOKIN, British steamer, 368, W. Davis, 30th Dec.,—Tamsui 26th December, Amoy 28th, and Swatow 29th, General—D. Laprak & Co.
 DEVAWONGSE, British steamer, 1,057, R. Curtis, 30th Dec.,—Bangkok 21st Dec., and Angkor 23rd, Wood and Rice—Yuen Fat Hong.
 WUHAN, German steamer, 1,015, A. Ott, 30th Dec.,—Tegal (Java), 18th Dec., Sugar—Lauis, Wegener & Co.
 NINPO, German steamer, 962, Th. Lehmann, 30th Dec.,—Canton 30th Dec., General—Siemens & Co.
 PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,012, J. A. Morris, 30th Dec.,—Bangkok 21st Dec., and Angkor 23rd, General—Yuen Fat Hong.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
Ningpo, German steamer, for Shanghai.
E-sang, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Toson, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
Hailong, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Namoa, British steamer, for Swatow.
Guthrie, British steamer, for Kobe.
Kitt, German steamer, for Saigon.
Adia, Danish steamer, for Holbow.
Stam, British steamer, for Swatow.
Mandarin, British steamer, for Singapore.
Lier, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Chingping, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
St. Joseph, British steamer, for Mof.
Chowfa, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Kwongtang, British steamer, for Wuhu.

DEPARTURES.
 December 29, *Kailong*, British str., for Canton.
 December 29, *Yungking*, Chinese steamer, for Canton.
 December 30, *Yikiang*, British steamer, for Wuhu.
 December 30, *Lier*, British str., for Shanghai.
 December 30, *Taiwan*, British str., for Shanghai.
 December 30, *Chingping*, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
 December 30, *Haiphong*, French steamer, for Haiphong.
 December 30, *Ningpo*, German steamer, for Shanghai.
 December 30, *E-sang*, British str., for Shanghai.
 December 30, *Toosan*, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
 December 30, *Kitt*, German str., for Saigon.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.
 Per *Deva Wongse*, from Bangkok, &c.—43 Chinese.
 Per *Fokien*, from Tamsui, &c.—Captains and Mrs. Holm and 3 children, Dr. Anderson, Messrs. Sin Kye Nang, Lan Rang Sang, and 79 Chinese.
 Per *Phra Chula Chom Kiao*, from Bangkok, &c.—4 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
 Per *Hailong*, for Amoy.—Dr. Robinson, and Mr. F. Dallas.

REPORTS.
 The British steamship *Fokien* reports that she left Tamsui on the 26th instant. Had light monsoon and fine weather with smooth sea to Amoy. Left Amoy on the 28th and experienced strong monsoon with drizzling rain to Swatow. Left Swatow on the 29th and had moderate monsoon and following sea to Breaker Point; thence to port met with light wind and fine weather.
 The British steamship *Deva Wongse* reports that she left Bangkok on the 21st instant, and Angkor on the 23rd. From Angkor to Palo Obi had light winds and fine weather; thence to Paracels had moderate monsoon and fine weather. From Paracels to 50 miles south of Ladrones had strong monsoon and high head sea with overcast and cloudy weather.
 The British steamship *Phra Chula Chom Kiao* reports that she left Bangkok on the 21st instant, and Angkor on the 23rd. Had light variable winds and calm down the Gulf of Siam; thence to Paracels had moderate monsoon and sea with fine clear weather. From Paracels to Gap Rock had strong monsoon and heavy sea with dull cloudy weather; thence to port had moderate breeze and cloudy weather.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE—
 For Swatow and Bangkok.—Per *Chowfa* to-morrow, the 31st instant, at 9 A.M.
 For Canton.—Per *Powan* to-morrow, the 31st instant, at 9 A.M.
 For Hongkong.—Per *Hailong* on Monday, the 1st January, at 9 A.M.
 For Canton.—Per *Fatshan* on Monday, the 1st January, at 9 A.M.
 For Macao.—Per *Hailong* on Tuesday, the 2nd January, at 9 A.M.
 For Canton.—Per *Powan* on Tuesday, the 2nd January, at 9 A.M.

For Macao, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.—Per *Atrille* on Tuesday, the 2nd January, at 9 A.M.
 For Singapore and London.—Per *Dardanus* on Wednesday, the 3rd January, at 10.30 A.M.
 For Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, and Tacoma.—Per *Mogul* on Wednesday, the 3rd January, at 12.30 P.M.
 For Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, and San Francisco.—Per *Belgic* on Wednesday, the 3rd January, at 5 P.M.
 For Europe, &c., India, via Bombay.—Per *Rakilla* on Thursday, the 4th January, at 11 A.M.
 For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per *Verona* on Friday, the 5th January, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Singapore.—Per *Cassius* on Saturday, the 6th January, at 1.30 P.M.
 For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Empress of China* on Wednesday, the 24th January, at 11.30 A.M.

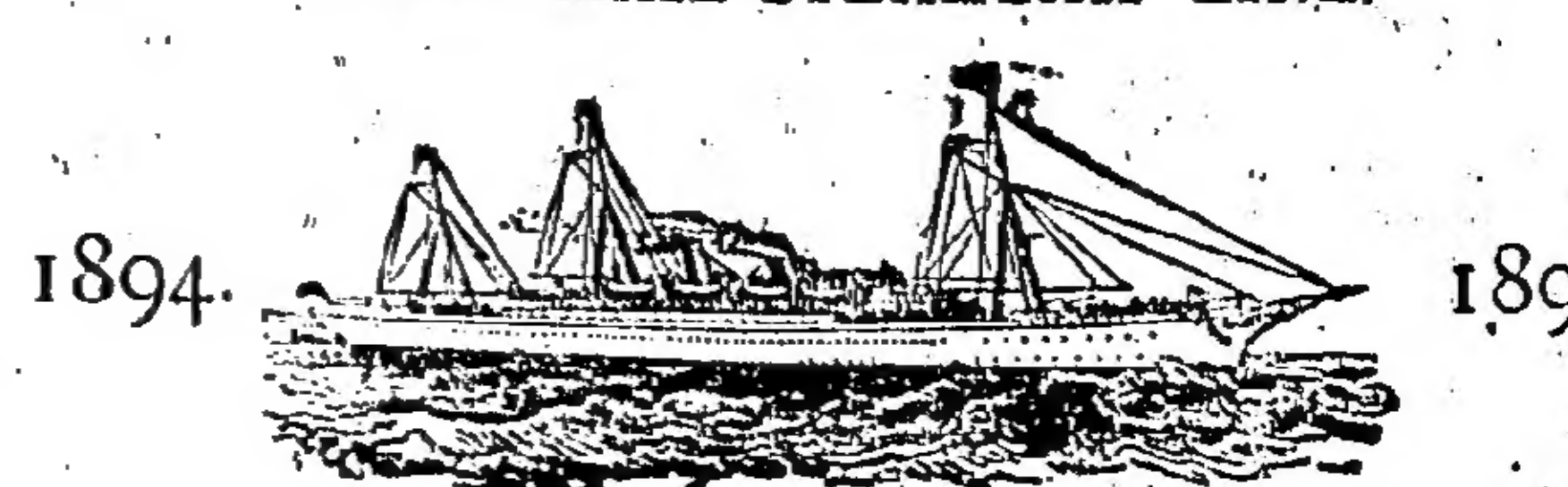
SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.
 ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, H. Hygom, 28th Dec.,—Pakhoi 23rd Dec., and Holbow 27th, General, Pigs, and Fowls—Nam Tai.
 AINLE, British steamer, 1,498, W. Ellis, 28th Dec.,—Kobe 21st Dec., and Moff 23rd, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 ALWIDE, German steamer, 400, C. Petersen, 28th Dec.,—San Francisco 21st Dec., and Holbow 23rd, General—Widley & Co.
 AMIGO, German steamer, 771, T. Bendixen, 29th Dec.,—Bangkok 21st Dec., Rice—Widley & Co.
 BELGIC, British steamer, 2,695, Wm. H. Walker, 29th Dec.,—San Francisco 30th Nov., and Yokohama 20th Dec., Mails and General—G. & O. S. S. Co.
 CHITREY, Chinese steamer, 1,211, C. R. Null, 29th Dec.,—Moff 19th Dec., General—C. M. S. N. Co.
 CHOWFA, British steamer, 1,055, F. W. Phillips, 29th Dec.,—Bangkok 18th Dec., and Angkor 20th, General—Yuen Fat Hong.
 DARDANUS, British steamer, 1,507, Parry, 28th Dec.,—Moff 23rd Dec., General and Coal—Butterfield & Swire.
 DEUTERON, German steamer, 1,192, W. A. Dinse, 28th Dec.,—Samarang 12th Dec., Sugar—Siemens & Co.
 FAKE, British steamer, 117, Captain McIsaac, Hongkong Government tender.
 FORMOSA, British steamer, 680, T. Hall, 24th Dec.,—Tamsui 21st Dec., Amoy 22nd, and Swatow 24th, General—D. Laprak & Co.
 GUTHRIE, British steamer, 1,494, P. T. Helms, 24th Dec.,—Sydney 25th Nov., Newcastle 26th, Brisbane 30th, Townsville 3rd Dec., Cooktown 4th, Thursday Island 6th, Port Darwin 9th, and Manila 17th, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 HALCON, British steamer, 783, J. S. Korch, 26th Dec.,—Fochow 24th Dec., Amoy 26th, and Swatow 27th, General—D. Laprak & Co.
 MANDARIN, British steamer, 1,190, C. W. Ratson, 24th Dec.,—Silgon 20th Dec., Rice—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 MOGUL, British steamer, 1,847, T. Golding, 22nd Dec.,—Tacoma 23rd Nov., and Yokohama 24th Dec., Flour and General—Doddwell, Carill & Co.
 PICCOLA, German steamer, 768, E. Haas, 22nd Dec.,—Salgon 15th Dec., Rice—Melchers & Co.
 POLLUX, German steamer, 893, J. Gelken, 26th Nov.,—Sourabaya 8th Nov., and Singapore 14th, Sugar and General—Melchers & Co.
 PROSPERITY, British steamer, 1,390, W. H. Farrand, 28th Dec.,—Singapore 19th Dec., General—C. M. S. N. Co.
 RECORDE, British telegraph steamer, 675, R. A. E. Breerton, 19th Dec.,—Hainan Bay 18th Dec., Telegraph cable—E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.
 SIAM, British steamer, 991, J. F. Meiser, 25th Dec.,—Bangkok 17th December, Rice—Chinese.
 TOYO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,500, J. G. Edwards, 28th Dec.,—Moff 23rd Dec., Matches and Coal—Doddwell, Carill & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.
 ALFRED HAWLEY, British bark, 412, W. Llewellyn, 15th Nov.,—Whampoa 15th November, Ballast—Order.
 BANGALORE, British bark, 1,100, Congdon, 4th Dec.,—New York 28th July, Rice—Shewan & Co.
 BASUTO, German bark, 348, H. Eggers, 14th Oct.,—Amoy 4th Oct., Sugar—Widley & Co.
 BERLIN, American ship, 1,552, Whitmore, 21st Nov.,—New York 10th June, Kerosene Oil—Order.
 C. ROBERTUS, German bark, 567, Lewerenz, 27th Dec.,—Kutchinoutin 17th Dec., Coal—Widley & Co.
 CLARA JACKSON, British schooner, 32, Charles Burbach, 3rd Dec.,—Sydney 21st March, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 DONA BARTOLA, American sch. 62, Bleichert, 17th Dec.,—Yap (Caroline Islands) 5th Dec., Ballast—Order.
 KILTY, British bark, 803, H. Wilson, 1st Dec.,—Whampoa 1st December, Ballast—Captain.
 LOTREAR, Italian bark, 791, Juan B. Calaraga, 30th Nov.,—Callao 30th Oct., General—D. Musio & Co.
 MACMILLAN, British ship, 1,450, Robert Guthrie, 4th Dec.,—Cardiff 22nd July, Coal—Government.
 MARY BLAIR, British bark, 338, Thos. Askin, 19th Dec.,—Albany, W.A., 27th October, Sealwalder—Order.
 NAM SHU SHING, Chinese s.m. sch., 368, Lok Li Tong, 3rd August—Salgon 24th August, Oil—Yong Kee & Co.
 SACKIN, American ship, 1,112, J. C. Baulett, 11th November—New York 23rd June, Petroleum—Order.
 SERRANO, American bark, 665, R. G. Waters, 26th Dec.,—Macao 23rd Dec., General—Order.
 WM. J. RITCHIE, American ship, 1,684, S. Lancaster, 24th Nov.,—New York 23rd June, Petroleum—Melchers & Co.

RIVER STEAMERS.
 Fatsan, British steamer, 2,260, R. Spence—H. C. & M. S. Co.
 Hainan, British steamer, 2,133, Lloyd—Butterfield & Swire.
 Heungshan, British steamer, 1,055, W. E. Clark—H. C. & M. S. Co.
 Ho-nam, British steamer, 1,377, G. B. Leblond—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamship Co.
 Kiangchow, British steamer, 288, T. Handlin—H. C. & M. S. Co.
 Kwong-chai, British steamer, 400, J. H. Up—H. C. & M. S. Co.
 Pany-chai, British steamer, 1,100, J. W. Starling—Yok Kee.
 Powan, British steamer, 1,200, S. W. Gough—Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamship Co.
 Tai-on, British steamer, 728, Goldsmith—Canton.
 White Cloud, British steamer, 775, A. Crick—H. C. & M. S. Co.

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EMPRESS OF INDIA, Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 21st February, '94.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN, Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 21st March, '94.

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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG.
Peru (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama)..... Saturday, 13th Jan. at Daylight.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama)..... Thursday, 1st Feb. at Daylight.
City of Peking (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama)..... Friday, 23rd Feb. at Daylight.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent
 Hongkong, 27th December, 1893.

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